

CONSTITUTION
OF
OUTDSHOORN – KHOI COMMUNITY

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1. PREAMBLE

A historical self-defined Oudtshoorn Khoi community group under God to address the needs, aspirations, disadvantages and concerns of its community. To continue its establishment and existence as the first nation of South Africa under the umbrella name of Khoi-San. To improve their participation capabilities within the cultural development and state governance. We bury the past and focus on building a prosperous future for all South Africans.

2. NAME

- 2.1. The name of the community shall be the **Oudtshoorn-Khoi Community**.
- 2.2. This community will fall under the sub Khoi-San group, Cape-Khoi.
The Khoi-San group of South Africa consist out of five historical sub-groups namely the, (i) Cape-Khoi, (ii) Griqua, (iii) Koranna, (iv) Nama and the (v) San.
- 2.3. This community exercise its right to self-identification and self-determination.
- 2.4. This community will own its own logo.

3. OUR MISSION

- 3.1. To be a community of people and worshipers of the living God in heaven.
- 3.2. To love and take care of the members of this community to the best of our ability.
- 3.3. To embrace our African identity and celebrate our cultural identity that is Khoi.
- 3.4. To embrace our language, culture and faith.
- 3.5. To live by ethical values that enhances the quality of our lives and respects others.
- 3.6. To develop ourselves spiritually, physically, intellectually and financially.
- 3.7. To live in harmony with other communities and sharing common values and interests.
- 3.8. To protect our lives through self-defense, and the disciplining of transgressors.
- 3.9. To share our living resources with each other in order to eliminate poverty amongst us.
- 3.10. To build and be responsible to leave a cultural inheritance for our children.

4. GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION

- 4.1. We are first and foremost self-identified and recognised by the members of this community. We are the descends of the first nation people of South Africa.
- 4.2. This traditional Community aspires to be recognised by the South African government under the law of the Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Bill of 2019.
- 4.3. The leadership will be recognised by the government and abide by the relevant laws.
- 4.4. To fight the local and national denialism of our identity as being the Khoi people.

5. LEADERSHIP

- 5.1. This community will be lead by a supreme leader with absolute power.
- 5.2. This community will follow a traditional, cultural, monarchy management system.
- 5.3. This community will have a council with a minimum of 3 members to assist the leader to manage the affairs of the community.
- 5.4. The supreme leader will have the power to appoint council members.
- 5.5. In the event when the leader are not fit for management due to ill-health, got deceased or any valid reason, a roaming leader will take over the affairs of the community.
- 5.6. A new leader will be elected in consultation with the council and members. A voting system may be used to assist the final decision making process, but is not compulsory. Council will have the final decision making powers.

6. ROAMING LEADERSHIP

- 6.1. The leader will appoint roaming leaders to assist, inform, train and expose them to the affairs of the management of the community.
- 6.2. The roaming leaders must form part of the council.
- 6.3. In the event the leader are not fit for management due to ill-health, became deceased or any valid reason, a roaming leader will take over the affairs of the community.
- 6.4. New leaders must have a good and healthy reputation in the community. Handle their own financial affairs well, be exemplary and good readers and listeners. They must not make matters for the community too complicated to understand. They must have a love for people and to serve them.

7. MEMBERSHIP

- 7.1. The South African cultural identity name of the members of this group will be the Oudtshoorn-Khoi. The members of this group will be known as Khoi-man or Khoi-woman.
- 7.2. Membership is open to anyone that submit and believe in the language, culture, faith, customs, identity and leadership that all the members in this group submit to.
- 7.3. The supreme leader and his or her council will have the final decision on who should be allowed and recognised as a member of this group.
- 7.4. All members' names will be registered in this community's database.
- 7.5. The supreme leader have the power to end anyone's membership from this community at any time. A member may appeal such a decision with the council of the community.
- 7.6. Only members that descend from families that where historically oppressed by the old South African Apartheid government can be part of this community.
- 7.7. Any person that seeks land, money from the government, positions or any self-interests are not allowed to join this community.

8. FAITH

- 8.1. This community group follows the Christian faith. It believes that it is a nation under the Almighty God, the creator of the heavens and the earth.
- 8.2. We believe in the trinity of God; the Father, his son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.
- 8.3. We believe in the Holy Bible to be the sovereign word of God Almighty.
- 8.4. We celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on the 25th December, the pass over weekends, the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and all spiritual Christian days.
- 8.5. All members attend a Christian fellowship of their own choice.
- 8.6. No other faith that is not Christian is allowed to join this community.

9. LANGUAGE

- 9.1. Our ancient language is Khoekhoegowab.
Our cultural language is Afrikaans.
Our official correspondence language is English and Afrikaans.
- 9.2. It is compulsory for all members of this community to make some effort to speak and understand our ancient, cultural and correspondence languages.
- 9.3. We live to speak and protect our languages through communicative styles, writing in books, music, poetry, drama, movies and many multi-media ways.

10. CUSTOMARY LAW

- 10.1. This community submit under the constitution and laws of the Republic of South Africa.
- 10.2. Although we have our own believe system in how we believe a community should be govern, we are disciplined and cautious not to practice any custom that my violate the current South African legislation regarding people governance for order and control.
- 10.3. We believe in the following customary laws of our own:
 - 10.3.1. That an Almighty God in heaven created the heaven and the earth.
 - 10.3.2. That we spiritually circumcise the heart of a person to Jesus Christ.
 - 10.3.3. That humans are not to be defined by the colour of their skins.
 - 10.3.4. The biblical way that parents may physically discipline their children.
 - 10.3.5. That marriage is between a man and a women.
 - 10.3.6. The death penalty for people that murder other people deliberately.
 - 10.3.7. That you must work for what you want and not expect things for free.
 - 10.3.8. That all members have a social responsibility towards its community.
 - 10.3.9. That members are not to be abusers of alcohol.
 - 10.3.10. Not to take what does not belong to you.
- 10.4. We are against gender base violence and violence against women and children.
- 10.5. We believe that right is always right even if nobody does it, and wrong is always wrong even if nobody does it. Right living starts with right thinking.

11. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS – AGM

- 11.1. The leader will call an annual general meeting to give feedback on the yearly activities.
- 11.2. In the absence of a leader, a new leader for the community will be elected by consensus and if necessary, by majority rule.
- 11.3. New council members can be appointed at the AGM.
- 11.4. This meeting will be a gathering where all members can meet, greet and socialise with each other.

12. CULTURAL DAYS

- 12.1. The purpose of our cultural days is to celebrate our heritage.
- 12.2. The cultural day should be used to remind the community of our value system, the God we serve, to love each other, to live in peace and harmony with everyone, and to work hard in live for what you want.
- 12.3. Members are encourage to wear our cultural outfit / dress on cultural days. Because we live in a modern era with other communities whereby the understanding of fashion wear has changed to what it was in the past, members are cautioned to cover as much of their body parts as possible and not to be explicit unnecessary.
- 12.4. A cultural day program director will lead the day's proceedings.

13. COMMUNITY DEMARCATION

- 13.1. Oudtshoorn will be the capital town and the head quarters of this community.
- 13.2. The members of this group will be from the area named the broader Oudtshoorn Municipality. This will include the towns of Dysselsdorp and De Rust.
- 13.3. This communities' territory and house we believe first started at what is today known as the Cango village, near the well-know Cango Caves. The Cango Caves was also home to our ancestors.
- 13.4. In the event a member(s) have to relocate and live in another town because of certain reasons, such a member will continue to be a member of this community.

14. FINANCE

- 14.1. This community will not own a South African bank account in its name.
- 14.2. If a financial need arise are needed for a functions, meetings, transport, airtime, administration or any operational requirements, such monies will be collected as donations from members and used for its intended purposes.

- 14.3. The council members will meet and discuss any financial needs, donations offered and government proposals and how to utilise such funds without being directly responsible for managing such funds.
- 14.4. History has proven that our organisations easily face destruction and suspicion to corruption once money becomes part of its operations. We intend to put this communities' function and focus on the practice of culture and good family values and protect the image and reputation of the community as best as possible.

15. ALCOHOL STANCE

- 15.1. This community encourages its members to refrain from alcohol usages. We are against alcohol abuse.
- 15.2. We believe that any human being can have a happy and fulfilled life without needing to drink alcohol as a social practice, celebration or relaxation.
- 15.3. No alcohol shall be served or drunk at any of our meetings, celebrations or operations.
- 15.4. Our communities' has a history and bad reputation in relation to being alcohol abusers and it is also the cause for high crime levels in our society. We encourage our members to take a stance against alcohol abuse.

16. TITLES

- 16.1. Younger people and children should have respect for older people and address them properly.
- 16.2. Older people should be referred to by younger people and children by the following titles:
 - (a) If it is a male : Mister (Mr.) , Meneer (Mnr.) , Uncle / Oom , Boeta, Brother / Broer.
 - (b) If it is a female : Miss (Ms.) , Missus (Mrs) Mevrou (Mev) , Juffrou (Juf) , Aunty / Tannie , Ousus, Sister / Suster.
 - (c) The other respectable titles is in Afrikaans : maat(s), mater(s) or vriend / friend.
 - (d) If you know a person's professional title, that person must be referred to by his or her title. For example, doctor (dr.), professor (prof.), reverend (ds.), etc.

17. CULTURAL HERITAGE MANIFESTO

- 17.1. We are the Khoi people of South Africa.
- 17.2. We are Africans and South Africans.
- 17.3. We are Christians. We believe in God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and the holy bible of God.
- 17.4. We do not believe in the identification of human beings by race and skin colour. We are not Coloured, Brown, Black or White people.

- 17.5. We believe in a cultural identification of people.
- 17.6. We embrace our Khoi-language, Khoekhoegowab.
- 17.7. We are law abiding citizens.
- 17.8. South Africa is our country.
- 17.9. We embrace cultural activities to celebrate our values, contributions and history.
- 17.10. We exist in harmony with all people that differ from our cultural believes.

18. COMMUNITY'S WEBSITE

- 18.1. This house will own an official website which will be used to make known to its members and the public of the status, leadership and activities of this community.
- 18.2. All meeting dates, times and venues will be announced on the website.
- 18.3. Only information that was approved by the leader will be published on this website.
- 18.4. A website developer will be appointed to manage the website.

19. COMMUNITY SCHOOL

- 19.1. This community will have its own community cultural school.
- 19.2. Members that want to learn more about the language, culture, leadership system and empower themselves are free to enroll with the available courses offered by the school.
- 19.3. Course fees may be levied.

20. AMENDMENTS

- 20.1. Any amendments to this constitution will be done by the supreme leader in collaboration with the council of this community. The leader will guide the decision making process.
- 20.2. The founding principles of the community must not be amended.

21. CONTINUED EXISTENCE

- 21.1. This community will continue to exist even when its leadership or membership changes or became deceased.
- 21.2. In the absence of proper leadership guidance, any concerned members have the right to pursue any means possible to see to it that the community continue to function based on its primary founding principles.

This constitution was reviewed and adopted by members at:

On 27 September 2022 at the offices of Oudtshoorn-Khoi Community, Oggendgloed,
16 Highstreet, Oudtshoorn, 6625.

Electronically signed

27 September 2022

Leader: Mr Glen A. Snyman

Date